



**MidPenn Legal Services
Franklin and Fulton Counties Office
2017-2018 Fact Sheet**



MidPenn is free civil legal aid. We are a legal emergency room for the poor. We provide advice and counsel to help very low-income families solve problems and get back on track.

Case Types: We handle critical civil matters: child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, public benefits and consumer. We do not handle criminal cases.

Mission: MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit law firm providing free civil legal aid to low-income families in crisis.

Vision: We seek orderly resolutions for poor families with critical legal problems. We protect personal safety, stabilize housing, secure income, and obtain health care for those with nowhere else to turn.

<u>County Statistics</u>	<u>Franklin County</u>		<u>Fulton County</u>	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Population	147,758	154,234	14,667	14,590
Residents below the poverty level*	8.2%	11.6%	13.3%	12.2%
Households Receiving Food Stamps	5.0%	3.2%	7.7%	12.3%
Poverty Population*	12,017	17,431	1,973	1,778

*The U.S. Census Bureau excludes institutionalized people, people in military group quarters, college dorms and unrelated individuals under 15 years old when calculating poverty rates.

<p align="center"><u>Franklin County Residents</u> <u>Eligible for Legal Aid</u> (at 125% of poverty level) Franklin: 23,906</p> <p align="center"><u>Fulton County Residents Eligible</u> <u>for Legal Aid</u> (at 125% of poverty level) Fulton: 2,553</p>
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Franklin-Fulton Counties Fiscal Year 17-18 Overview	MidPenn Staff	Volunteer Attorney	Total	%
Family	70	32	102	26%
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Intimidation	55	0	55	14%
Housing	110	0	110	28%
Public Benefits	17	0	17	4%
Consumer	52	10	62	16%
Health	8	0	8	2%
Employment/Expungement	19	0	19	5%
Other	5	13	18	5%
TOTAL	336	55	391	100.00%

5,363.6 hours spent on cases.
775 residents in Franklin and Fulton Counties benefited from MidPenn's advocacy.
\$261,538.97 in savings and economic benefits to Franklin and Fulton County clients and their communities.

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